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Cc: Greenberg, Ken[Greenberg.Ken@epa.gov]
From: Marincola, JamesPaul
Sent: Tue 12/15/2015 9:10:45 PM
Subject: RE: San Luis Obispo Tribune media request

Sounds like they're asking about the legitimacy of California River Watch? I'm not really familiar, but maybe Dave or Ken have dealt with them on CWA suits? Here's a link to their resolved cases page: <http://www.ncriverwatch.org/legal/resolved/index.php>

Otherwise, definitely agree this is something we steer clear of commenting on.

Thanks,

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From: Amato, Paul
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Subject: FW: San Luis Obispo Tribune media request

Hi Jamie,

As we discussed, here's the incoming from the reporter regarding the CA River Watch suit against City of SLO for exfiltration and sewage overflows (see page 2 of the letter at the link below).

I'm going to let Nahal know that we do not have any comments on CA River Watch or the success of their litigations.

Paul

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From: Mogharabi, Nahal

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Subject: FW: San Luis Obispo Tribune media request

Hi Paul,

See the below. Have we seen this suit? Do we know anything about this? We usually aren't able to say much about ongoing lawsuits, but let me know what you find, or what we can say if anything.

Thanks!

Nahal

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Fountain, Matt" <mfountain@thetribunenews.com>
Date: December 15, 2015 at 2:44:26 PM EST
To: Press <press@epa.gov>
Subject: San Luis Obispo Tribune media request

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm trying to speak to an agency spokesperson regarding the environmental group California River Watch, which is threatening to sue the City of San Luis Obispo over alleged violations of the Clean Water Act.

This group has a long history of filing suit against small municipalities over water violations, and claim to be stewards of the Clean Water Act. These suits usually end in an undisclosed settlement with questions remaining about whether the violations were ever there.

Here is the group <http://www.ncriverwatch.org/>

And here you'll see their history of lawsuits <https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=california%20river%20watch>

Here's what they sent SLO: http://www.ncriverwatch.org/legal/case_pdfs/2015-10-08_san_luis_obispo_cwa_notice.pdf

I guess my question is, whether the agency has any comment on this group, and if they

have been successful in correcting significant violators of the Clean Water Act.

Thanks, my deadline is 6 pm PST.

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